

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY SHEET

City of Rollingwood

Meeting Date: April 17, 2024

Submitted By:

Staff

Agenda Item:

Discussion and possible action on a letter of support to the Texas Water Development Board regarding the scoring metric for financial assistance programs

Description:

During the last election, Texans approved the \$1B Texas Water Fund, which will be used to transfer money to existing financial assistance programs through the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB). The board is accepting stakeholder input before promulgating the rules that will decide how these funds are allocated and what the criteria are for municipalities applying.

Currently, the scoring mechanisms for TWDB programs greatly favor economically disadvantaged communities, while Cities near high-growth metro areas, such as Rollingwood, are not likely to make it to the top of the funding list. Attached is a sample letter from the City of Lago Vista to the Texas Water Development Board requesting that an adjustment to the scoring metrics be made that would provide more opportunities for small cities with strained infrastructure related to neighboring communities' rapid growth.

Action Requested:

To authorize the Mayor to sign a letter of support to the Texas Water Development Board regarding the scoring metric for financial assistance programs

Fiscal Impacts:

Possible positive future fiscal impacts are anticipated if the City is able to apply for and receive funds through the Texas Water Development Board.

Attachments:

- Article by Shane R. Saum, Council Member in Lago Vista
- Sample Letter from City of Lago Vista